

MINE CONTROVERSY HANGS FIRE

BOARD HOLDS FINAL DECISION

Following a heated hearing of the controversial Palos Verdes mine issue, the County Board of Supervisors voted to adjourn the hearing until December 9 at 9 a.m. in order to hear the evidence presented by Great Lakes Carbon and the South Bay Homeowners Association.

Since the last hearing before the Board of Supervisors several weeks ago, both sides were actively engaged in mustering up convincing evidence to disprove the other side's claims. These arguments were presented yesterday before the Board.

During the interval between the last hearing and the present one, the homeowners opposing the creation of a mine organized by forming the South Bay Homeowners Association, composed of representatives from Torrance, Redondo Beach, Long Beach, Palos Verdes, San Pedro, Waverly, Rolling Hills, Portu-

homeowners group maintained. Leo W. Carlstrom, who operates an engineering test and inspection laboratory in Los Angeles, was present.

Jones Co. Hearing Postponed

Following assurances given the City Council at its last meeting that the John Wiley Jones company has already taken radical measures to eliminate previous health and safety hazards, the Council company's request that the hearing be postponed until December 22.

At that time the Council will decide what is to be done with the company which had been cited on several occasions for safety violations, the worst of which occurred November 4 when deadly chlorine escaped in dangerous quantities.

Improvements Made Following the Council's attempt there upon to revoke the company's operating license, the company took immediate steps to correct the situation. Engineering changes are being studied and introduced. Cross-connections have been eliminated and an automatic shut-off system has been installed. Improvements have been carried considerably beyond the minimum requirement, it was stated.

New Location Walter N. Anderson, legal counsel for the firm, stated that the company has opened negotiations for transferring the plant to another location one-half mile away from residential areas. The location involved was not revealed as yet.

Prevailing winds from the ocean would carry the harmful dust into the whole metropolitan Los Angeles district and thus add to the already perplexing smog problem, the

Council Does About-Face In Police Chief Issue

The City Council reversed its previous decision when it voted to promote the next Torrance police chief from among the ranks rather than throw the examination for the post open to applicants at large.

Mayor Mervin M. Schwab swung the 2-2 deadlock and reversed the Council's previous stand when he voted in favor of a closed examination. When the issue first arose several weeks ago the mayor had voted in favor of an open examination but qualified his move on another occasion when he said that he wished to give the matter "further study."

Two Qualify Assistant Chief Willard Haslam and Detective Capt. Ernie Ashton thus become eligible to take the Civil Service examination to qualify for appointment.

TOOT BRINGS LOOT

The next time you hear the kid next door loudly blowing away on a trumpet, think of H. Unander, of 1442 West 214th street.

One day recently he came across his dust-gathering trumpet and music stand.

"A trumpet should be heard not seen," he mused, and thereupon placed the following 75-cent ad in The Torrance Press classified section:

FOR SALE—Trumpet and music stand. Good condition. Excellent for student. \$40. 1442 W. 214th. FA. 8-0242

Unander sold his trumpet and stand immediately, so swift was the response to his Torrance Press ad.

The next time the kid next door starts to toot his horn and you stuff cotton in your ear, think of it this way: You might be living next door to a musical genius, and Unander, his trumpet, and The Torrance Press may have made your happy lot possible.

EDITORIAL Bulldozing

The Torrance Chamber of Commerce placed the city in an embarrassing and ridiculous position recently when individuals in the Chamber took it upon themselves to call a luncheon honoring George Skakel, founder and chairman of the board of the Great Lakes Carbon Corp.

Did President Robert I. Plomert, Jr. have the Chamber of Commerce's executive board's authority to call this luncheon through his executive secretary?

In the light of the city's protest against the Waverly and Palos Verdes dicalite operation now being urged by Great Lakes, it appears as if the Chamber is insisting to operate in direct opposition to the city's wishes, since most of the leading citizens were asked to the luncheon.

While the Chamber did not officially sanction the dicalite project, it used a crude method to invite officials to a function to whose actual intentions they are opposed.

Another paper in the Harbor area quoted the Chamber as being in favor of the mining project. While this is not true and nothing to this effect was said by the Chamber, the luncheon implied as much.

HIGH SCHOOL TO PRESENT 'BLACKOUTS'

Tomorrow is the big day for the Torrance High School variety show, "Blackouts on Revue," sponsored by the Girls' and Boys' League.

The performance, which will be given at the high school auditorium starting at 8:15 p.m., will feature a great variety of real talent.

Three major settings will be used in the show as follows: French Cafe, Act I; "Streets of New York," Act II; and New York Night Club, Act III.

Ten to twelve numbers will be presented under each of these heads.

Among the performances featured are: "C'est Si Bon," "Dragnet," "Ebb Tide," "Combo," "Indian Love Call," "Istanbul," "Malaguena," and a faculty satire on "Dragnet."

A chorus line will introduce the show and master of ceremonies.

Tickets may be bought in front of McCown's from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. today and tomorrow or by calling FRontier 5-4698. They may be obtained also at the time of the performance.

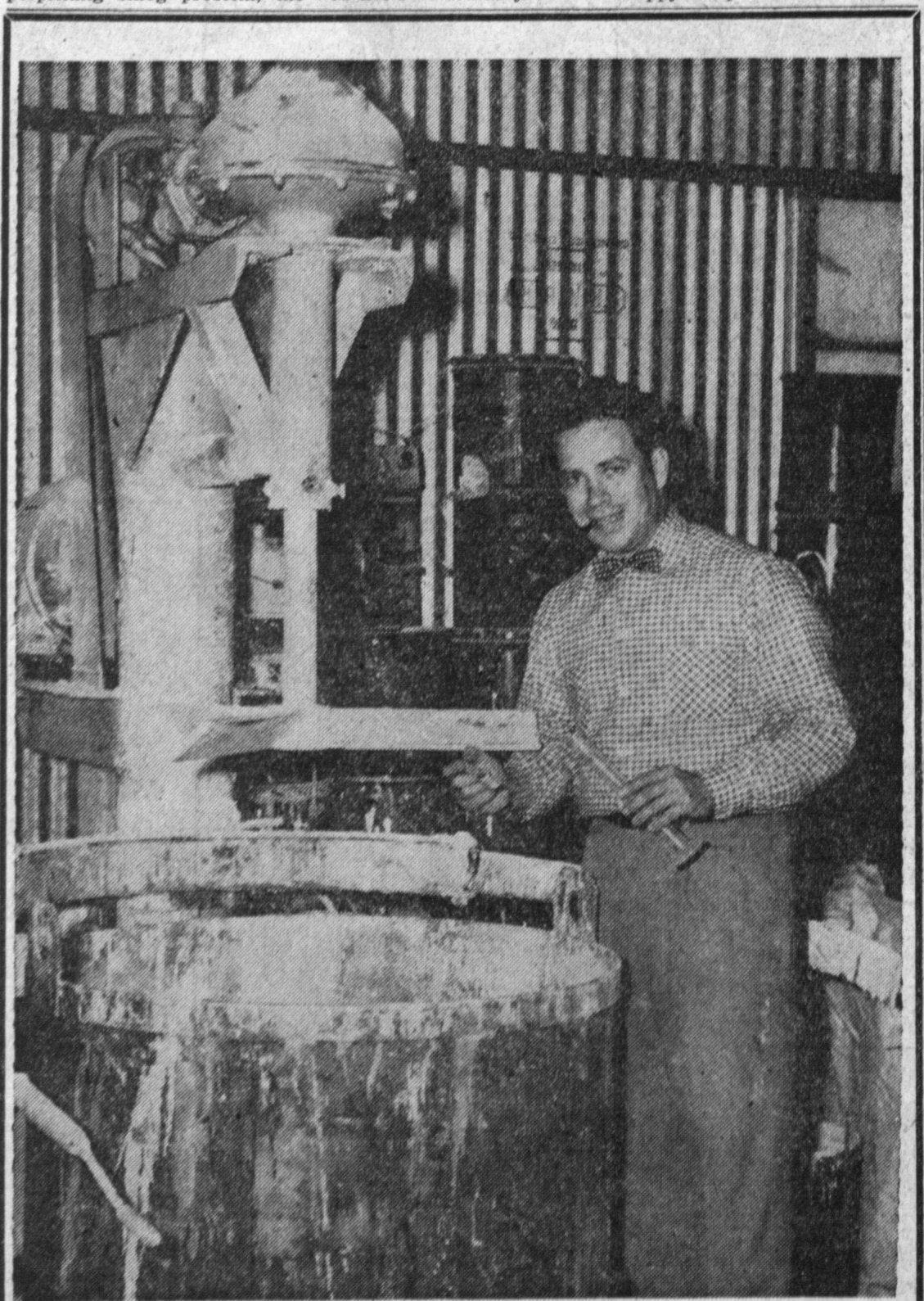


'GOOFUS' . . . Deanna Shriver and Donna Isbell (right) insist that "Goofus" applies strictly to the act they are performing and has no personal application. The two will be seen in a "Goofus" dance interpretation in the annual "Blackouts on Revue" to be presented in the Torrance High School auditorium Saturday night.

Mounties Get Trophy

Torrance Mounted Police won its first trophy Sunday when it was awarded the Golden West Riding Club trophy for the best mounted patrol. Twenty members of the patrol paraded their horses at the grounds on 190th and Inglewood.

BETTER WERE it to be unborn than to be ill bred.—Sir W. Raleigh.



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